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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 23, 2006, and in connection with the  
Request for Continuing Application filed on this date, please consider the following:

The amended claims are listed beginning on page 2 of this document.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this document.

A new Abstract is attached to this Amendment following page 5 to replace the initially  
filed Abstract.